

1 SENATE BILL 978

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; CREATING THE SOLID WASTE
12 TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUND; PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN
13 MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES FACED WITH HIGH SOLID WASTE
14 TRANSPORTATION COSTS; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUND.--

18 A. The "solid waste transportation grant fund" is
19 created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of
20 appropriations, gifts, grants, donations and bequests made to
21 the fund. Income from the fund shall be credited to the fund,
22 and money in the fund shall not revert or be transferred to any
23 other fund at the end of a fiscal year. Money in the fund is
24 appropriated to the department of environment for the purposes
25 of making grants approved pursuant to Subsection B of this

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1 section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made on warrant
2 of the secretary of finance and administration on vouchers
3 signed by the secretary of environment.

4 B. Upon application by a municipality or county and
5 to the extent that money is available for such purposes, the
6 department of environment may award grants from the solid waste
7 transportation grant fund to reimburse or partially reimburse
8 solid waste transportation costs incurred by municipalities and
9 counties that transport solid waste fifteen miles or more from
10 the boundary of the municipality or county to a landfill
11 disposal facility. The reimbursement shall be an amount per
12 ton of solid waste transported per mile and shall be
13 established by rule of the environmental improvement board.

14 C. The environmental improvement board shall, by
15 rule, develop application requirements and criteria for
16 evaluating and prioritizing applications for grants from the
17 solid waste transportation grant fund.

18 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars
19 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the solid
20 waste transportation grant fund for expenditure in fiscal year
21 2007 and subsequent fiscal years for the purpose of awarding
22 grants, pursuant to Section 1 of this act, to reimburse
23 municipalities and counties for solid waste transportation
24 costs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the
25 end of a fiscal year shall not revert.

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